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In the application of:

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CARRIER FOR POLYSACCHARIDE
CONJUGATE VACCINES

Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford

Group Art Unit: 1645

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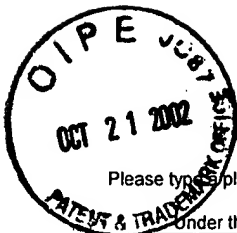
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Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Claims.

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